

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 11, without prejudice.

REMARKS

Applicants request favorable consideration of the above-identified application in view of the foregoing amendment and the following remarks.

Claims 1-11 were pending at the time of the Office Action. Although the Examiner did not so state in the Office Action, claim 3 was pending. After entry of the amendment above, claims 1-10 are pending.

RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

The Examiner has required restriction of the claims of this application under 35 U.S.C. 121 and 372 into one of the following two groups:

Group I: Claims 1-2, 4-10, drawn to an adhesive composition and tape;

Group II: Claim 11, drawn to a method of separating adhered components by heating.

The Examiner contends that the inventions of Groups I and II do not meet the single general inventive concept requirement under PCT Rule 13.1, because under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features. Specifically, the Examiner asserts that the special technical feature of claim 11, that the tape separates when exposed to heat, is known in the art.

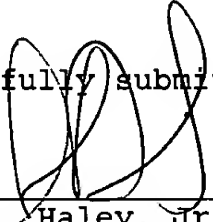
Applicants elect Group I (claims 1-2, 3* and 4-10), without traverse, for further prosecution in the present application. Consistent with this election, applicants have cancelled claim 11, directed to non-elected subject matter. Applicants make this election expressly without waiver of their right to file for and obtain claims directed to the non-elected subject matter in divisional or continuing applications claiming priority or benefit herefrom, or from a related application, under 35 U.S.C. 120.

* The Examiner did not place claim 3 in either Group of inventions. Applicants believe that claim 3, dependent from claim 1 and pending in this application, should be placed in Group I.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, applicants request that the Examiner examine the pending claims, claims 1-2, 3 and 4-10, in this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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